THE ABSORBED MESSENGER BOY, THE ENTRANCING DIME NOVEL, AND THE DISREGARDED EXPLOSION



4. "And now be is clear of the whole line, with

"Grasping it with both hands he lowered his heavy head of hair and sprang directly at the centre of the op-posing rush line."

The Amateur Photographer.

Now the camera fiend strappeth on the camera, and saith unto himself,

And he goeth forth, and the noonday sun shimmereth on the face of a pretty maid; then he fingereth the snap-shot shutter of his camera nervously, but he does not snap. But he saith unto his-self: "I could a-had that dead easy if I'd a' mind to."

And meandering along, he cometh upon a fin-de-siecle dog fight; and he rubbeth his hands and digits together; again he saith: "Aha! Aha!" But this time with glee. Then he arrangeth the

He hieth him to a point of vantage and shoots the whole 144 shots. So the reader may surmise that the photographer lacks artistic apprecia-

tion, but the reader is off his feed. For when the morning cometh, the pnotographer hieth him to a kinetograph showman and selleth the whole dog fight for seven dollars cash.

5. "As he nears him, coming with the speed of the Empire Express, the audience rise from their seats. Suddenly he crouches and leaps high in the air over the goal posts. Then was the great game won."

3. "Bang! He sent the giants tottering in all directions, filling the air with feet and the mud with faces."

A Divorce Galled Off.

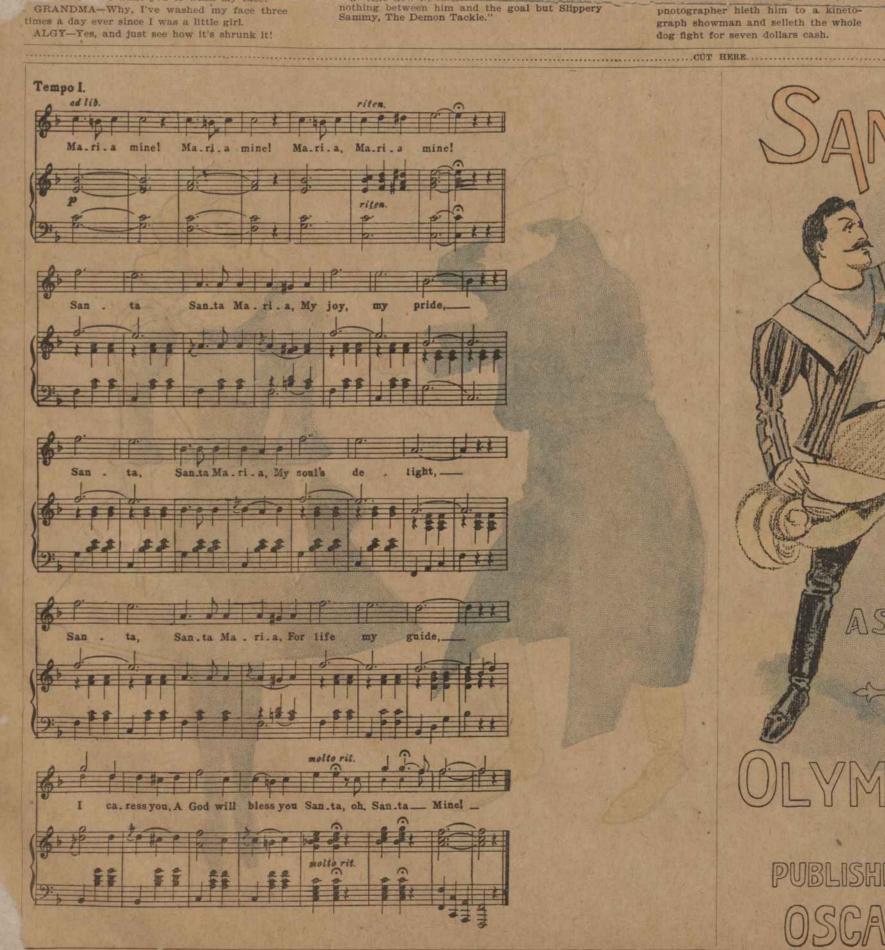
The court room was in tears Even the hardened attendants wept,

The jury sniffled and turned their eyes up to the ceiling, the judge winked as if the effort to suppress a sob was a desperate one, and the crowd of visitors boo-hooed without restraint.

The case between Griggs and Griggs was suddenly called off. And what was the cause of all these sighs and tears of reconciliation and joy after such a bitter and scandalous feud? Ah, a little mite in the fair plaintiff's armsa tiny little idol of two lives arrayed in his very finest of garments and brought there for the purpose of touching the hearts of the jury-had been awarded into the custody of the de-

There was a hurried consultation, and, before the Court realized it, the contestants had their arms about each other announcing to the Court and jury, as well as the world, the glad tidings that rather than to suffer separation from the little object of their combined adorations they had kissed

Ring out, ye bells! the glad news to the haut ton world. And so, for the first time in the history of the world, perhaps, a ten-thousand dollar French poodle has been found to be good for something.



TOM HALL.

A Cittle Boy's Reason.

do 't want you to wash my face!

